

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-50 in the application. In previous responses, the Applicants amended Claims 1-4, 8-10, 21-22, 28, 30, 39, 41, 45 and 49-50 and added Claims 51-52. In the present response, the Applicants have amended Claims 1, 41 and 43. No claims have been canceled. Accordingly, Claims 1-52 are currently pending in the application.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-52 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,112,183 to Swanson, *et al.*, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,092,102 to Wagner. The Applicants respectfully disagree.

As recognized by the Examiner, Swanson does not teach or suggest retrieving data from one of the ancillary system and the data processing system based on whether the data stored in the ancillary system is conducive to being processed into a value as recited in independent Claim 21 and, analogously, in independent Claim 1. To cure this deficiency, the Examiner cites Wagner. (*See Examiner's Action, page 4.*)

Wagner is related to managing the delivery of information within an enterprise and to notifying users about information or events of the enterprise. (*See column 1, lines 8-16.*) Wagner discloses a notification system 8 having a database 24 that stores information 16 from an enterprise 20. The notification system 8 also includes an event monitor 4 that analyzes data from the database 24 and generates an alert based on the analysis. (*See column 7, lines 38-52.*)

Wagner, however, does not cure the noted deficiency of Swanson since Wagner provides no

teaching or suggestion of retrieving data from one of an ancillary system and a data processing system based on whether the data stored in the ancillary system is conducive to being processed into a value. On the contrary, Wagner is concerned with generating an alert based on an analysis of data stored in the database 24 of the informing system 8. (See column 7, lines 38-52.) The Applicants find no teaching or suggestion in Wagner of retrieving data from one of an ancillary system or, instead, from a data processing system. For example, considering the information 16 of the enterprise 20 and the database 24 of the informing system 8, no determination is made to retrieve data from either the enterprise 10 or, instead, retrieve data from the database 24. As such, the Applicants do not find where Wagner retrieves such data based on determining if the data is conducive to being processed into a value. Instead, Wagner teaches sending data from the enterprise 20 to the database 24 where analysis is then performed to determine if an alert should be generated. Wagner, therefore, does not teach or suggest retrieving data from one of an ancillary system and a data processing system based on whether the data stored in the ancillary system is conducive to being processed into a value as recited in independent Claim 21 and, analogously, independent Claim 1. Accordingly, the cited combination of Swanson and Wagner does not teach or suggest each element of independent Claims 1 and 21.

Additionally, the cited combination of Swanson and Wagner does not teach or suggest determining whether accessing multiple entries of the data stored in the ancillary system is required before processing the data into a value as recited in amended independent Claims 1 and 41. On the contrary, Swanson teaches that a value is returned based on determining if input parameters are satisfied. (See column 5, line 66 to column 6, line 6 and column 7, lines 8-14.) The Applicants find

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no teachings or suggestions in Swanson of determining if accessing multiple data entries is required before processing the data into a value. As discussed above, Wagner is concerned with generating alerts based on analyzing data and the Applicants do not find any teachings or suggestions in Wagner of determining if accessing multiple data entries is required before processing the data into a value.

In summary, for at least the reasons stated above, the cited combination of Swanson and Wagner fails to teach or suggest each element of the invention recited in independent Claims 1, 21 and 41 and Claims dependent thereon. The cited combination, therefore, does not provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness of Claims 1-52. Thus, Claims 1-52 are not unpatentable in view of the cited combination. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of Claims 1-52 and allow issuance thereof.

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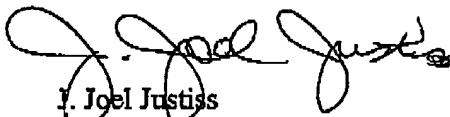
II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicants now see all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-52.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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